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PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR ACTIVATION OF [REDACTED] DETACHMENT

I SITUATION

In order to widen the latitude of conditions under which overflight operations may be conducted, Project CHALICE is to be ^{expanded} augmented by the addition of an ~~existing~~ [REDACTED] detachment, *to be operational on 1 September 1958.*

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II ASSUMPTIONS

- a. That a completely independent detachment will be formed and stationed somewhere in Western Europe [REDACTED]
- b. That the ~~unit~~ ^{detachment} will be, ostensibly, an [REDACTED] Weather Research Squadron.
- c. That the [REDACTED] Squadron will be manned [REDACTED] CHALICE ^{plus support aircraft} ~~sources, in sufficient numbers to support the project work.~~
- d. That Project CHALICE will supply two U-2's as well as necessary amount of photographic and ELINT collection equipment ~~and other~~ ^{with} ~~required support equipment.~~
- e. That supply support will be provided by Project CHALICE.
- f. That if construction or modification of facilities to accommodate this detachment is necessary, the cost will be borne by Project CHALICE.
- g. That target requirements for coverage by this detachment will be as determined jointly between appropriate [REDACTED] and U. S. Intelligence authorities.
- h. That photographic results will be processed at [REDACTED] and copies provided to each Government as jointly agreed.
- i. That operational missions will be planned and controlled from Project CHALICE Headquarters jointly by the Project CHALICE Operation Staff and All [REDACTED] liaison officers. *All* missions launched under [REDACTED] political auspices will be under the authority of the [REDACTED] liaison officer stationed at Project Headquarters.

III PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

a. To man a detachment having the capability of launching approximately four sorties per week will require approximately 85 personnel. Depending upon whether the detachment is ^{located} ~~launched~~ at a U. S. Air Force Base [REDACTED]

25X1C8a [REDACTED] will determine to some extent the proportion of [REDACTED]

25X1X7 American personnel. If the unit is ^{stationed} ~~launched~~ at an Air Force Base, it should be commanded by a U. S. Air Force Officer and by the same token,

25X1C8a if ^{stationed} ~~launched~~ at [REDACTED] should be commanded by [REDACTED]. In both cases the No. 2 Military Officer should be from the opposite service.

25X1C8a b. The pilots will be [REDACTED] ^{officers} ~~Military pilots~~ who will have received training in the U. S.

c. Aircraft, photographic equipment and communications equipment will be maintained by contract U. S. personnel in the same manner as other Project CHALICE detachments ~~are manned~~.

d. A breakdown of a proposed T/O is attached as Annex 1.

[REDACTED]